

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CHARLES EDWARD
THORNTON III and DEQUAN JOSE
THORNTON, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DELICIA KENDRA HALL,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CHARLES EDWARD THORNTON,

Respondent.

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December 18, 2003

No. 246741
Wayne Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 01-402650

Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Neff and White, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Hall appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that at least one statutory ground for termination had been proved by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). Respondent abandoned the children and left the state. She waited until a year after the children first entered foster care to begin complying with the treatment plan and even then only wanted to address and complete one goal at a time. In addition, she was a virtual stranger to the children, having visited them only twice. The trial court's finding regarding the child's best interests was not clearly erroneous. *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 354, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); MCL 712A.19b(5). Therefore, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights. *Trejo, supra* at 356-357.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Helene N. White